

## BROTHERHOOD OF LOCOMOTIVE FIREMEN

Headquarters of Anti-Pinkerton Committee

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Toaall Labor Organizations, within the confines of this Great American  
Continent, Greeting:

Dear Sirs and fellow citizens:-We wish to call your attention to an institution which has developed to such gigantic proportions that its existence has become a menace to the well being of the working people of this country. The institution in question is best known by the name of Pinkerton's Detective Agency. But the department which we wish to call your special attention to, is the Pinkerton's Preventive Patrol. A department which has for its special object, the supplanting, betraying, and finally shooting and murdering, the representatives of Organized Labor wherever they may be found battling for their rights.

The following circular which we present, with this appeal, for your careful and loyal consideration, shows that the mind which conceived the idea of such a damnable organization must be as black as the darkest night, and must have drawn inspiration from his Satanic Majesty, the great source of all diabolical wickedness and evil:

Connected with Pinkerton's National Detective Agency, founded by Allan Pinkerton, 1850.

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Sirs:- We take this method of calling your attention to the advantages of Private Police Patrol in case you are at any time in need of such services.

The Pinkerton Preventive Patrol was organized by the late Allan Pinkerton in 1850, it being the first uniformed Police Patrol in the city of Chicago, and from that time to date has had under its charge as watchman all the banks and nearly all the wholesale and large retail business houses in Chicago. The members of this force are selected for their general aptitude for police duty and are under strict discipline and in charge of experienced officers who have been trained to the business.

We are therefore prepared to furnish uniformed men whenever required, by the day, week or month, for day or night duty, and we respectfully call the attention of those in charge of excursions, proprietors of public resorts, railroad and all other corporations who have to deal with large number of patrons or disaffected or striking employes, to the advantage of our Patrol system.

A daily written report is furnished to our patrons, when required, of any irregularities or concurrences transpiring during the time our officers are on duty.

The Pinkerton Preventive Patrol has furnished the police for the Hocking Valley Coal and Iron Company, of Ohio, during their recent protracted strike; Chicago, Wilmington and Vermillion Coal Company of Illinois; Menominee Mining Company of Menominee, Mich.; Muskegon Lumber Merchants of Muskegon, Mich.; Lumber Merchants of Saginaw City, Mich.; Rochester & Pittsburg R.R. and Coal and Iron Company of Pennsylvania; Burden Iron Co. of Troy, N.Y. and Troy Malleable Iron Works. Under its supervision was organized the first Coal and Iron Police Force in Schuylkill county, Pa. which was instrumental to a great extent by aiding our detectives in suppressing the Molly Maguires throughout the coal fields of Pennsylvania and preserving order there during the railroad riots of 1877.

The above list only comprises a few of the many corporations and individuals where the Pinkerton Patrol preserved order and protected property and employes who were willing to work while strikes were in progress.

Each season the Pinkerton Patrol furnishes the entire Police Protection for Manhattan Beach, Coney Island, N.Y.; Starin's Glen Island (Long Island Sound); Coney Island Jockey Club, Seepshead Bay, Long Island; and the Rockaway Steeplechase Association, Cedarhurst, Long Island, N.Y. The Washington Park Club and West side Driving Park, Chicago and the Illinois State Fair.

The Pinkerton Preventive Patrol is connected with Pinkerton's National Detective Agency and is under the same management.

Corporations or individuals desiring to ascertain the feel-

ing of their employes add whether they are likely to engage in strikes or are joining any secret Labor Organization with a view of compelling terms from corporations or employers, can obtain on application from

the Superintendent of either of the offices, a detective suitable to associate with their employes and obtain this information.

At this time when there is so much dissatisfaction among the laboring classes and secret labor societies are organizing throughout the United States, we suggest whether it would not be well for railroad companies and other corporations, as well as individuals who are extensive employers of labor to keep a close watch for designing men among their own employes, who in the interest of secret labor societies are inducing their employes to join these organizations and eventually to cause a strike. It is frequently the case that by taking a matter of this kind in hand in time and discovering the ring-leaders and dealing promptly with them, serious trouble may be avoided in the future.

The reputation gained by the Agency and Patrol in the past will be a guarantee that any detective or officer furnished by us will be competent in every respect to discharge the duties required of him.

Watchmen for stores, docks, shipping etc etc. can be obtained at reasonable rates for permanent or special watching on application at either of the offices which are connected by telephone.

Robt. A. Pinkerton  
Gen'l. Supt. New York

Yours respectfully,

Wm. A. Pinkerton,  
Gen'l. Supt. W. & A. Div.  
Chicago, Ill.

Caution- Parties making application for the service of the Patrol or Detective Agencies are requested that their communications are addressed to the Superintendent at either of the offices and properly addressed to the street and number, and thereby prevent being imposed upon by unreliable persons who take advantage of a similarity to Mr. Pinkerton's name to put forward themselves forward as detectives without having had the experience, and who are entirely competent.

That the Pinkerton's Preventive Patrol is inimical in the social system of this country in general, and organized labor in particular

we would most respectfully call your attention to a few of the struggles which organized labor has been engaged in, and where this Pinkerton settled like a great and deadly pestilence amongst those who have dared to resist aggravating oppression and stand up for their rights.

It was this detestable band of cut-throats, thugs, perjurers, and wholesale murderers, that assisted the Hecking Valley Coal and Iron Company to defeat their men, whilst struggling and battling with that powerful corporation. The never to be forgotten Reading strike, was also lost through this despicable horde of Pinkerton's and last, but not least, the great C.B. & Q. strike, the success of which was morally certain, had it not been for this God-forsaken, man-cursed hell-aspiring Agency.

The accompanying circular, like the Agency it represents, is a "secret" circular. But it has been brought to light and its secret has been made known. It makes a full disclosure of the purposes and practices of the Pinkerton's Detective Agency. We want every working man in this great country, and especially every Trades Unionists, to know "who and what" this Agency is.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen in their first Biennial and Fourteenth Convention, held at Atlanta, Ga. in September last, appointed a special committee, whose duty is to look after the Pinkerton infamy, watch the still further development of this Agency, and to assist in all prudent ways to rid the country of these thugs and thieves, who constitute an insufferable stain upon our civilization and are everywhere a menace to the prosperity, peace and order of society.

This committee felling the importance and the magnitude of their work, feel that to work unaided and alone, success is impossible. We therefore earnestly appeal to every labor organization and every true Unionist to assist us in this great work to rid once for all, this unholy, pestilential and detestable curse from this country.

We ask you to form a legislative Committee from your local or national assemblies, to work in conjunction with us. We have drafted a bill, which we believe should be adopted by every State Legislature, and will forward a copy of the same on application. Should any other organization or other body desire further information the same can be obtained by making application to the secretary of the committee.

Fellow-citizens and co-workers in the cause of Labor Reform, we again earnestly appeal to you to come forward and assist us. It is to your interest to do so. You may be the next victim to fall a

prey to this moral curse. Beware! The time is at hand when we must be prepared to grapple with this enemy. Do not treat this appeal with indifference. But come forward and assist us. Then the victory shall be ours; your organizations strengthened; your country saved from a moral curse and the name of Pinkertonism will become a thing of the past.

Yours fraternally,

T.H. Haines, Chairman,

J. F. Bryan, Secretary

W. F. Hynes,

Committee on behalf of B.L.F.

For documents and other information address the secretary.

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J. J. Leahy  
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Philadelphia, Pa. Jan. 28th., 1878

Mr. I. A. Swinburne,

Gen'l. Supt. P. & R. R.R.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find a bill that was sent to me to have it presented to the State Legislature. It may be of some importance and I deem it my duty to let you know of it. As for me I shall not move in the matter at all. After reading the letter sent to me by the Secretary of the Committee, you will do me a favor by sending it to me and any information that I may get that may in my judgment be of any use to you or the Company that employs me, you shall have without fail. If it is of no importance there is no harm done and if it is I have but one my duty.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain,

Yours respectfully,

J. J. Leahy.



P E R S O N A L .

On the 10th, 1854, at New York, N.Y.

Mr. W. F. Merrill,

G.M., R.R. St. J. & S.

St. Joseph, Mo.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith a list of names of persons who have been  
killed out by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, for the  
purpose of obtaining anti-Foreigners and others.

I send them to you for your information, and hope that  
you may be able to make use of them.

They explain the attempts which have been made, and are being  
made, in a number of States, to kill the English, and it may be well  
for you to let some of your friends in the Legislature see them.

Yours truly,

P E R S O N A L .

On the 14th, Feb. 17th, 1889.

Mr. P. P. Rydick,  
General Manager,  
Chicago.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith copies of some papers, which have been  
gathered out by our Associates in the Chicago Division, for the  
purpose of obtaining better information in this line.

I send them to you for information, and hope they  
as you may be able to make of them.

They explain the various cases upon which the Chicago  
made its report of Status in this Division, and it may be said  
to let some of our Associates in the Chicago Division know.

Yours truly,



Committee

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BROTHERHOOD OF LOCOMOTIVE FIREMEN

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Headquarters of Anti-Pinkerton Committee

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Creston, Ia., Jan. 24th., 1889

Sec'y. Lodge No. 293 B.L.F.

Dear Sir & Bro.:-

I send to your address to-day a few of our circulars, which I wish you to have distributed, one to each Labor organization in your city and request that they be read at their first meeting. I also enclose a copy of our proposed bill which we want to have introduced in your State Legislature. We would like to have you and some other members of your Lodge interview the members of the Legislature of your district as soon as possible and endeavor to get his assistance in this matter. If possible get him to introduce and support this on a similar bill. Please attend to this matter at once as we want to do some effective work in your state during the present session. We also want a Committee of three of *your* members in your state to look after *this* work and would like you to become a member of the Committee.

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Let me hear from you as soon as possible. After the bill has been introduced we will have more work for you to do, in the mean time agitate the subject, not only among your own members but among the labor organizations in your city. Talk it with them, get them interested and we will accomplish something.

Hoping the members in your Lodge will do all in their power to help us in this work and awaiting an early reply, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

J. F. Bryan, Sec.

The other members of the Com. are J.J. Leahy, Lodge No. 293, S. M. Myers No. 393, Isaac Miller, No. 235, B. F. Petit, No. 60, Geo. V. Plant, No. 333.

Bro. Leahy let me hear from you as soon as possible, as we want to get to work in your State.

Bryan.

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For an act to prevent the importation of armed men or associations of men into this State for the purpose of Police duty.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of-----

Section 1-- That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons, Company, Association or Corporation, to bring or import into this state any person or persons or association of persons for the purpose of discharging the duties devolving upon police officers, sheriffs or constables in the protection or preservation of public or private property, or in the punishment of any person violating the criminal laws of this state.

Section 2-- Hereafter no sheriff in this state shall appoint any  
under sheriff or deputy sheriff, except the person to be so appointed  
shall be a bonafide resident of the county in which such appointment  
is made.

Section 3-- Any person or persons as a company or corporation, violating any of the provisions of section one of this act, shall be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than one year nor more than three years; and if a company or association or corporation shall be guilty of violating this act, they shall be punished by a fine of not less than one thousand dollars. And any sheriff now holding office in this state, or may be hereinafter elected to such office

who shall knowingly violate any of the provisions of section two of this act, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than three months nor more than one year.